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Suppose we try to forget the author and see the book, get the good out of it, if there be any, and we hope you find some.

"He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake, shall find it."—"I am the way, and the truth, and the life."—"And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not."

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In writing this book we are not so particularly concerned in any individual or set of individuals as we are in the welfare of all. As a county, there is little, if any, peculiar merit or demerit in its history, as it has had about the usual, common run of ups and downs of such an organization. Her citizenship has been like all other sections in process of settlement and development; good, bad and indifferent, active and passive characters; but, like all this great Southwest, surroundings, conditions, environment tended to evolve individuality, initiative; independent, self-reliant, bold, rugged, resolute characteristics in her people, that made for good citizenship as a whole. Some have done dirty, dishonest, disreputable acts, but such things did not meet with general approval, and those perpetrating them did not feel proud of it, as they usually did them on the sly, under cover, in the dark, then tried to conceal the facts for all time, showing they were ashamed of it themselves. It is said that some of them disguised as Indians and drove off other people's stock in "INDIAN RAIDS;" like one of the worst murders in the history of Yoakum, Texas, was probably committed by white men disguised as NEGROES, and the poor Negro is to blame for it yet; and likewise in Bexar County and Negroes who were probably innocent executed therefor upon "confessions" obtained unlawfully, by brutal methods disgraceful to any community; but the majority of the people of Bandera County, Yoakum, San Antonio do not endorse such crimes thus committed by the few, if they know the facts.

Most of the history of this section, that may be of interest to readers, was made before the County was organized, but is of unlimited value to us if we appreciate and use it.

OUR HERITAGE

Bandera County has thousands of tons of fossils, deposited here millions of years ago, when this was in the bed of the ocean. They are found in every section of the County, in, upon, under every hill, in the creeks and rivers throughout the County; and are of great interest to every thinking, reasoning intellect; to every individual interested in the mysteries of the ages, nature and the truth. Their history is the history of this planet. A book could be written of each of them, and that is history indeed, history free of human prejudices and selfish whims, nature's own history, written in her own language and way, unafraid, unbiased history. We have our dinosaur tracks imbedded in solid stone, and some of them have been taken up and carried north to the great museums of the country. The history of those tracks would also fill a volume, if detailed adown the eons of time involved therein. Then these majestic hills, beautiful valleys and streams, canyons, bluffs, limpid pools, sparkling brooks that help make her the enchanted land to those capable of grasping and appreciating the charm of it all. Those and many other natural assets, such as the cool, restful nights, soft, mellowing, appealing moonlight, and our "Gulf-Breeze" to cap it all off for joy, comfort and health. We have the Medina Lake now, also, with it's fifty miles of shoreline edging around hills and bluffs, more enticing than any on the Gulf, with an altitude lifting us into the cooler atmosphere of these splendid hills and at the same time furnishing all the joys of boating, bathing, fishing found on the Gulf, while wild turkeys and deer stand back and peep at you thus enjoying life. We have also, some 200 miles of river-front in Bandera County. The Medina River basin lies through the center of the County, with hundreds of creeks and small tributaries flowing into it, including the three Medina Rivers, the North Prong, the West Prong and the South Prong; each having its headwaters up next to the "Divide" toward the west end of the County. This County also has tributaries of the Guadalupe, Cibolo, Hondo, Seco, Sabinal, Frio Rivers, each and every one

with splendid springs along its course; the Hondo and Sabinal Rivers being beautiful streams in their upper reaches in this County. Excepting the Medina Lake, all this and much more are ours without human aid and regardless of our feeble efforts. It was all here before humanity came upon the scene, ready-made to our joy, comfort and benefit, if we will accept it and turn it to our good; but human-nature is a queer mixture, and what we will do with all this remains to be seen.

HUMAN BACKGROUND

We have a splendid human background, foundation, upon which to build, if we can learn from our forefathers and maintain the ideals and standards bequeathed to us by them. And how far back should we go for a starter of our part in the sea of humanity? Just what do we know about it, anyway? More than a thousand years ago, the Mohammedan Moors overran Southern Europe, taking over the most beautiful portion of Spain. The rulers of Spain had become so corrupt and cruel the people had nothing left to fight for, so were easy prey for the Moors. But the Moors also became corrupt, tyrannical, and Spain took advantage of that and undertook to drive them from her borders. A great battle raged at a mountain pass, the Spanish failing to drive their enemy therefrom, and despair enveloped them. Their generals were holding a last consultation upon their predicament, with orders not to be bothered, but a poor shepherd, told one of the guards he knew of a trail leading around the pass. As a last resort they decided to follow him. He was to mark the entrance to the trail with a cow's head, (Cabeza de Vaca). This worked; they defeated the enemy, and this poor, unknown Martin Alhaja, thus helped them win the battle of Las Navas de Tolosa, July 11, 1212, for which he was greatly honored by Spain, given high rank and his name became Cabeza de Vaca Nunez. One of his descendants, Alvaro Cabeza de Vaca Nunez, came to America with a band of Spaniards in 1528. They sailed along the coast of Florida, going inland often. Most of them were lost at sea or inland. This man Nunez, Cabeza de Vaca, he is better known

by, was one of them. He was captured by Indians, made their slave, suffering almost unbelievable tortures and hardships, but finally became one of their great Medicine Men. While their own Medicine Men seared their patients with fire before healing, or in healing them, he did greater cures without searing, so eventually rose to where he was one of their Gods; worshiped by them as such. Indians came from far and near to be healed by his mighty magic. About 1535 he and two of his old Spanish companions he found among the Indians headed west through what is now Texas, in a triumphal parade; a GOD. One Tribe would follow him to the next; they on to the next; he healing the sick and afflicted as he came along; a GOD from the East. While his exact route is not known, he probably came up the Medina River, as he discovered the Big Bend in the Rio Grande, and we have the honor of being on the O. S. T. (Old Spanish Trail), and those Indians knew this to be a veritable paradise and natural passway along that route. It is said that this man, Cabeza de Vaca Nunez, was the first European to cross this Continent by land, first European Explorer of this region; first to write our history. His story is one of the outstanding ones in history, part of Bandera County. Then, about 200 years ago, the Apache Indians occupied the Medina and Guadalupe valleys and mountains. They raided the village of San Antonio at will, making life there unbearable. It then being Spanish Territory, San Antonio asked the Spanish Government to protect them from these Indians, and Spain sent General Bandera to San Antonio. After grasping the situation, General Bandera with his 600 Spanish soldiers marched up the Medina River to about where Bandera now is; left here to go through the gap in the mountains to the north. The Indians knew his movements; sent their women, children and belongings out toward the divide at the head of the rivers, while the warriors planted themselves in and around that Pass, thousands of them, to defend their land against these intruders, just as we will if Japan tries to drive us out of this same Valley. Those Indians made a brave, bold, heroic stand for their rights, their homes and hunting grounds; and the battle

raged in and around that Pass for three days before defeat of the Indians and their flight to the Northwest, never to return en-mass. What were the feelings of those Spaniards, General Bandera, thus surrounded by those Indian hordes in that little Pass on the opposite side of the earth from their own homes and loved ones, and with no possible hope of life if the Indians gained the victory? Can we imagine the awe and inspiration of those days and nights, with thousands of Indians yelling, howling, crying, shrieking, tossing rocks and rolling boulders down upon them day and night? Can we grasp that? Is that, alone, not sufficient to make it one of the most historic spots in America? Is that good ground for giving us the name "BANDERA"? Go see it guests; imbibe it, never to forget it and its history.

About 100 years after General Bandera fought that notable battle in Bandera Pass, General Ben McCullough, in command of a company of Texas Rangers or Indian Scouts, fought a desperate battle with Indians in Bandera Pass. They saw 21 Indians ride into the Pass. After the battle they found 20 dead Indians, but did not know what became of the other one. Was he their "Messenger of defeat?"

Then, about four years later, still, Captain John Coffee Hays, (better known to us as Jack Hays) started through Bandera Pass with some forty Rangers or Scouts, and they were ambushed there by Comanches. A desperate hand-to-hand battle again raged there until the Indian Chief was killed, when the Indians retired to the north end of the Pass, the Rangers to the south end. Five Texas Rangers died in that fight and six were wounded. The dead were buried at a pool of water near the south end of the Pass, the wounded carried to San Antonio, for treatment. That Indian Chief was buried at the north end of the Pass.

All that happened before there was a Bandera County, but it is part of Bandera County, and supremely rich in human interest. What will we do with it? And that is not all of it. In the Camp Verde Valley, at the foot of the hills just north of Bandera Pass and part of its history, was old Camp Verde,

a Government Post during the 1850s and 1860s, when not in the hands of the Southern Confederacy during the War Between the States. There it was that the idea of Jefferson Davis, as Secretary of War of the United States, to try camels in covering the vast, arid regions of West Texas, was carried out; and those camels ranged upon and were used through and about Bandera Pass, until it was decided that horses and mules were better adapted to use in this region, than were camels, and the experiment was abandoned.

Speaking of HUMAN BACKGROUND, FOUNDATIONS, in that battle of 1812, in Bandera Pass, many great, manly men took part. General Ben McCullough then risked his life in the second battle there within four years. Big Foot Wallace, Jack Hays, Creed Taylor, Governor Bell, and others. At Camp Verde, such men as R. E. Lee, Jefferson Davis, Albert Sidney Johnston; three of the truest, cleanest, greatest men in history, appear. Along with that group of builders for us, Sam Houston, Crockett, Travis, and that group stand. Could there be a more inspiring incentive for us and ours to become and remain real men and women worthy of the name? Those men believed in the individual. Believed in, stood for the undying principles of personal liberty and human rights our governmental institutions rest upon, and without which there can no longer be an AMERICA, A TEXAS, A BANDERA COUNTY such as they labored for. They believed that all have EQUAL rights. That none should have special privileges.

There is a tragic, pathetic, beautiful tradition connected with the story of Bandera County, or this region, rather, and if true it is one of the important events in connection with the history of this region. Near Christine, in the southern part of Atascosa County, Texas, are the remains of at least thirty people, probably many more, who seem to have been killed and partly burned and buried in a pit or pen some twenty feet square. Old Spanish settlers of that region tell of an early Indian story or tradition that some Indian Brave from a Tribe there, came to where Bandera now is, stole an Indian maiden.

from a Tribe here and took her back to his Tribe with him; that the Bandera Tribe pursued him, laid siege to them at this place, with the result thus discovered. Another story akin to that related in Homer's Iliad, of the siege of Troy by the Greeks, to recover Helen, who was carried from Sparta to Troy by Paris. if such stories ARE mythological, they are nevertheless true to human nature, and typical history of that age and condition, thus of great human interest. And THIS MAY BE TRUE HISTORY of Bandera.

Another deplorable event which occurred near Bandera is evidenced by a number of graves about two miles south of town, and this story may never be exactly known, either. During the War Between the States, many men dodged over into Mexico, to evade army service, just as some did in 1918, and are probably doing now. Some merely wish to evade the draft, others may intend to aid the enemy. So it was then more extensively and inexcusable; for every man was needed then, if ever in the history of a people with their backs to the wall. A number of men tried to escape into Mexico. They were followed by Confederates, captured, and returned to the location of these graves near Bandera, there executed and buried. That they were given anything like a regular, formal trial or hearing, such as emergencies demanded, is very doubtful, as their conduct was so grave that, in the minds of their captors their rights had all been forfeited by them, and they were probably executed without that fair hearing every man is entitled to. That seems unwarranted, in the light of today, as many things now happening will, also, when we cool off and get our bearings again, if we ever do; but WAR was "HELL" then, as it ever is, and resort to MIGHT never means it is RIGHT. WAR is always the rule of MIGHT, rather than RIGHT. We gloat on WAR, write histories of the butcherers of men, hold them up to oncoming generations as heroes, yet we abhor the actual thing. We preach "Make ye no idols," but idolize the butchers of earth, dictators, if they are OURS.

BANDERA COUNTY HAS IT

Our natural heritage; our human Background and Foundation. She is a splendid ranch country, home of the Angora Goat, Sheep, Cattle, Horses, Hogs, Poultry. A natural fruit country, grape, berry, vegetable country, and her people are now improving their herds to the best advantage. This is a good grain and hay country, also, and with the guest-ranch industry, in addition to all these other sources of revenue and income, promises to place this region on a level with Switzerland, California, Florida, if we rightly use our natural resources and possibilities along with each of these lines of labor.

Bandera was practically on a standstill, or going backward, for many years before the guest ranch possibilities dawned on us. Now, with thousands of visitors at our doors every year, bringing money from elsewhere to spend here with us, many splendid homes have gone up, our towns have grown and improved as never before, and this in the face of and during the worst, most destructive "depression" the moneychangers ever cursed this Nation with. The money our visitors bring here, makes it possible for our business concerns to pay their rent and taxes, helps educate your children and keeps us out of the bankrupt courts. A dollar thus brought here by them may turn over five times before leaving this community, thus doing five dollars' worth of business here, helping every business in the County, from a monetary standpoint.

Some good, well-meaning local citizens believe the tourists, as they call them, are undermining our moral standards, corrupting our social life, endangering our homes, etc. They assume that this is an evil influence, an undesirable element thus brought into our midst. In this opinion, no doubt, some good people are sincere. They make no bones about it, say so publicly, and have a right to their opinion. They would stop these visitors coming here, destroy this industry, etc.

To this effort, other good people do not agree with their friends, the ones who wish to destroy this guest ranch business now supporting this section to a large extent; and holding off

the Nationwide panic we have been forced into (except for this temporary war-splurge).

To illustrate the two schools of thought and lines of conduct, the Spanish Inquisition from which Europe suffered for hundreds of years, was the same effort to regulate and control the other fellow; make them do as the powers that were dictated, or else; all mostly supported by good, well-meaning but misguided people. The same condition developed in our Colonies when they burned witches at the stake; good, well-meaning but badly misguided people trying to "reform" the world.

Suppose Switzerland, California, Florida, had our natural heritage; human background, prosperous outlook, would either of them turn back and destroy it all for fear someone would visit them that did not dress to suit their ideas or act just as we wish? To come home with it, look at New Braunfels, then see Sutherland Springs. Both had all that nature could offer, about equal chances. New Braunfels used hers; Sutherland Springs refused to use hers. New Braunfels is a charming, prosperous, thriving city; look at poor old Sutherland Springs.

Bandera is at the cross-roads now. Our past history is fixed; we can not change or alter it; misrepresent it possibly, but not change it; but the future is in OUR keeping, just now. We can make or break this section, and the responsibility is now OURS.

Some 1900 years ago we are pointed to another wayfarer; one who had not whereon to lay his head, and who was condemned and persecuted by those in authority then, as one unfit to associate with his fellow men. They thought him a dangerous visitor at their doors; said he taught new doctrines, and Behold, he is a wine-bibber and associates with publicans and sinners; and he said to them, Drink ye no longer water, but take a little wine for thy stomach's sake. They hounded him, condemned him, tried and convicted him, saved a murderer rather than this wayfarer, from the cross of death.

Those were supposed to be the best people of the land.

Once this wayfarer said, Why callest thou me good? You remember Pope said

"The good may merit God's peculiar care,
But who but God can tell us who they are?"

Goodness can be abused, can go to extremes, can become good-meanness, mean-goodness. "Love one another." "Love thy neighbor as thyself." These people are largely tired business people longing for a little relaxation, and if Bandera will treat them right, meet them half-way, it will help all concerned. Of course they should conduct themselves in reasonably respectable manner, so should WE. They should obey the law of the land, so should WE. But by a little, narrow, embittered attitude toward our visitors, we destroy our best asset in life, as well as deprive them of that for which they long, and stand in need of. Let's be too big, broad-minded, liberty-loving to act thus. Let's cease crucifying that spirit of TRUTH, as of 1900 years ago.

Many of us live in houses built on land the title to which rests upon a patent signed by SAM HOUSTON, himself, President of the REPUBLIC OF TEXAS; why should we not become and BE real men and women, imbued with the spirit of AMERICA, TEXAS?

Bandera County has churches and other places of worship well distributed throughout her confines, with many creeds and denominations represented, and always room for more. This is another thing to be admired in our County; all sects and creeds are welcomed. They mix and mingle in neighborly fashion, as they should; and there is very little of that narrow, puritanical spirit so aptly stated by the little boy in Sunday School, when the teacher asked why the Pilgrim Fathers came to America. The little boy's answer was a clincher, when he said: "So they could worship God as they pleased, and force others to do the same." That spirit of FORCE has been the great trouble. May our County remain as free as possible from that FORCE spirit. Every TEXAN should study Article

1, Section 6, of Texas' BILL OF RIGHTS, and become saturated with it, LIVE IT.

There is an age-old verse to the point now and always, entitled "What Constitutes A State?"

"What constitutes a State?

Not high-raised battlements or labored mound,

Thick wall or moated gate;

Not cities proud, with spires and turrets crowned;

Not bays and broad-armed ports,

Where, laughing at the storm proud navies ride;

Not starred and spangled courts,

Where low-browed baseness wafts perfume to pride!

No! Men, high-minded men.

Men who their duties know,

But know their rights, as well,

And knowing, dare maintain,

Prevent the long-aimed blow,

And rend the tyrant while they break the chain.

These constitute a State!"

May our County mature that kind of MEN, be that kind of STATE. Just before this war saved their face, temporarily, our National servants said: "THE SOUTH IS THE PROBLEM-CHILD OF OUR NATION." Ye Gods! They have systematically robbed the South for 75 years, and are still at it. They have waxed rich at our expense; then to add this insult! Yes this whole Nation is prostrate, at their behest and order. Morally and financially bankrupt; personal liberty gone, individuality destroyed; thanks entirely to them. Three vast, colossal drains carry all the South can produce, into their vaults. Interest on money, Usury; the automobile industry and use; the insurance racket. These take all the South can raise annually, into the coffers of those bloated egotists who think we are their problem-child. Texas, alone pays them a tribute of hundreds of millions every year, and the only way we can ever hope to see it again is to borrow it; arrange to pay them a bigger tribute. USURY, INSURANCE RACKET, ON WHEELS

all going to them; then they tax us to death in order to keep the machine running; and Bandera County has to bear her share of such loads; yet we worry about some woman dressing or not dressing just as we order; little things!

When we become thus puffed up with our self-centered ego, it will do us good to turn to Matthew, Chapter 23; read and re-read it, see how it describes us. That Chapter was a mirror, looking-glass, then held up before the same school of thoughtlessness, for them to see themselves in a true light, behold their likeness; and that mirror is good for all time. Let's look at ourselves therein, see ourselves as others see us, measured by that same spirit of TRUTH. In this way we can get our own measure, if we have sense and decency enough to do so.

Oh, for the good of Bandera County, let us become true to our natural heritage, worthy of our foundations laid by those great people who handed us this splendid background of heroic deeds. Let us not turn the hands of progress back, cut off our noses to spite our faces. This recalls what John Bright said in a speech on the State of Ireland, in 1866. He said: "Her future depends on the power of her people to substitute equality and justice for supremacy, and a generous patriotism for the spirit of faction." True of Ireland then, of us now.

Bandera County has telephone facilities pretty well arranged to her various communities, so that one can have quick communication to any place desired. Daily mail routes reach most of her population, or so nearly so that it is within easy reach thereof. Bus lines and other public means of conveyance, as well as private travel, brings the world to our doors, and gives us access to outside points almost hourly, for passenger and freight needs. We have a splendid highway connecting with San Antonio and extending into the heart of our County, through Pipe Creek, Bandera and Medina, the three principal trade-centers of the County, and a connecting link now building to extend said highway on into Kerrville, thus creating a loop out of San Antonio, that affords one of the most picturesque, beautiful and charming drives in this Nation.

A large portion of the population of this County can drive to the City of the Alamo within an hour's time.

While we have a vast supply of native wood, some fifty varieties of it, covering practically the whole County, we also have electricity wired into all parts of the County. Bandera, Medina and many farm and ranch homes have electricity for lights, power and heating, with modern electrical devices in much use—a great stride, far-cry, from the old Cypress-Camps and Cedar hauling methods of earlier times here.

The Bandera New Era, published at Bandera each week, is a splendid County Paper, doing its part toward the present and future of our people. This County boasted a newspaper long ago, THE BANDERA ENTERPRISE, it having been under the management and direction of many people as time went on, finally burning in the destructive fire of December, 1915, which swept several other businesses out of the picture. Some time later, the present Bandera New Era was founded, and is doing its work nobly.

Bandera has public water system furnishing water to most of its population, and for fire fighting. Also has an active, volunteer fire company which has done good work here and in this community.

There is a public library of good books in Bandera, also, and it is hoped this splendid effort can become of the full value to our people that it merits and promises. A good book is not to be valued in filthy lucre. There is no way of estimating the good one book may accomplish, if it is kept in circulation, carrying its message to humanity.

Bandera has a splendid museum, also. This museum is an education, within itself, if properly used and understood. There are so many and varied items or articles of interest therein, that one who really feels interested in such things must spend hours at a time and make many visits to it, to get the full benefit of what it offers. There are interesting articles there from all over Texas, many other states, and a great number

from South America and other regions. Go see this museum, guests, do not miss it, and you may want to go back often.

The Library Building across from the Courthouse in Banderá, has also been fitted out for an emergency clinic or hospital, so that such needs may be met right here, at home, when required. While it is hoped there may never be much demand upon its possibilities, yet that is one thing the community may stand badly in need of, and it is well to be thus prepared for any emergency. Humanity is at stake, the world over. Civilization hanging in the balance. MIGHT stalks abroad, disregarding RIGHT. Men dare not express an honest thought, opinion. It has been piously said that this war is to remove FEAR from this Earth, yet the very weapon used to that desired end is FEAR itself; destroy FEAR by the power of FEAR. And how can we know the end? We had an ideal offered us—"Faith, hope and CHARITY, and CHARITY is the greatest of these." But we expect to drive FEAR from human hearts by force of FEAR. Great theory, no? No CHARITY for us! We can only hope this war ends with as little human blood spilled as possible, and that humanity awakens to the inexcusable, damnable crime of MIGHT thus plunging the human heart to such levels every generation, so that future generations may refuse to be thus destroyed by the whim of dictators.

SCHOOLS

In recent years, our rural schools have realized the seriousness of the drift toward the cities, as against rural life, and the threat to our civilization, thus involved; and, to meet that situation, the youth of such communities are now being taught how to remain at home, on the farms and ranches where they have a chance to become real men and women, self-respecting AMERICAN CITIZENS, ready to look life in the eye unflinchingly, meet any situation coolly, bravely, as only the rural-reared soul can learn to be and live. There is no place equal to the farm and ranch for developing character, and our schools are now helping wonderfully in this great effort to

interest our boys and girls in home-building on our farms and ranches; how to develop our resources and conserve them to the good and happiness of themselves and mankind. To aid in this good work Bandera County has a farm agent and a home demonstration agent. May the good work continue!

The Bandera Public School has two splendid, capacious buildings made of native stone, surrounded by beautiful grounds on a bluff overlooking the Medina River, and with delightful playgrounds. It is equipped with modern appliances for teaching the child the required studies of such a school, including homemaking and farming. It has 24 units of affiliation with the State Department of Education; has an assessed valuation of \$1,000,000.00, and an area of 128 square miles, operates a bus into five communities, transporting about 120 children. The enrollment is 337 pupils. W. B. Denman is Superintendent of the school, and there are ten other instructors.

There is also a Catholic School in Bandera that has done and is doing good service toward educating many of our future citizens, not alone toward that which is generally termed an education, but also toward higher ideals of life, standards of living, thus laying the foundation for better citizenship. It is also a native stone building.

Medina Rural High School District No. 5, was formed June 21, 1930, by consolidating Medina Independent, Wallace Creek, Lima, Crockett, Rocky and Honey Creek Districts. School-bus system serves all the children from a distance, some riding as much as sixty miles per day. Some teachers also reside out, and ride the bus to school. Wallace Creek District was named after W. W. Wallace, (Big Foot Wallace) who resided on Wallace Creek in about the year 1850. Medina School is rated as one of the best in its class in the State. Its graduates have made excellent records in the colleges and universities they have attended. The agriculture department has a building made of native stone. Other schools of the State have fashioned their agriculture buildings after this type. The homemaking department is also housed in a building of native stone made as nearly like a residence as possible so the girls might

have equipment and conditions similar to home-life. It is provided with adequate equipment to teach the students those things a homemaker should know. A student in this school may pursue a regular academic course, a vocational course, or a semi-business course. Our graduates from the High School department may enter any college or university of the State without an examination, as the school is an affiliated and accredited institution. Any further information may be had by contacting Marvin A. Hatfield, Superintendent; P. L. Garrison, President of the School Board, or L. C. Hinds, its Secretary. They have a very capable and efficient faculty of teachers, also.

There are also seven smaller public schools in the County, each doing good work. This country and its future has always rested and always will rest largely upon the home-life and the little rural schools, where human character is largely formed, and these small, rural schools have a responsibility second only to the home in creating good, patriotic and worthy citizenship in our future men and women. The County School Superintendent at Bandera, can give information as to these schools.

The Frontier Times Magazine is also being published at Bandera. It is devoted largely to exploits and episodes of early-days in the making of Texas History, and is of interest and value to anyone who likes to read thereof. It is another enterprise helpful to this community in building for the future; educational in effect.

Another educational institution helping to mold character for our present and future citizenship, is the Bantex Theatre. Think what we please, this and the radio now take their place along with any other urge upon the mentality of our citizenship, and make themselves felt in our mental viewpoint and attitude, for good or evil, as directed. Let us hope it may always be for the right. In describing a certain strong character, one writer said: "His strength rested upon the foundation of his virtue, his RIGHTNESS." May RIGHT be stronger than WRONG!

Lima Community lies in the North Prong Canyon, one of the most beautiful and picturesque to be found anywhere; and there is a good, substantial citizenship there.

Pipe Creek community, may be said to embrace the east end of the County, including the N. E. shore of Medina Lake down to the County line. The business enterprises include several mercantile, cold drink, filling station businesses along the Highway, Post Office, Church, School and many splendid homes. At Medina Lake there are also places of amusement, cold drink stands, fishing, boating, etc. In all, Pipe Creek is a well rounded-out community. See that LAKE, Guests.

Tarpley is another such community; having School, Post Office, store, cold drinks, Church, etc. The Hondo River is a beautiful stream there and good farms and ranches for miles around, owned and occupied by good, substantial citizens, make it a delightful region, in all.

Then, in the Sabinal Canyon, in the west end of the County, is another splendid section and community of people, with daily mail to Vanderpool, from Sabinal. School, Church, Post Office and store. At the head of the Sabinal River, rather out on the divide, is an oasis worth going to see; Station C. An oil company established a pump-station there with a wonderful plant and piece of machinery used to force oil on down to the Gulf of Mexico shipping point. This plant is a treat to see, and so also is the little village of homes for those working there; and they know how to meet and greet strangers and visitors. Do you good to visit them. A large part of the trade in that section of the County goes to Utopia, just over the line in Uvalde County. The Vanderpool community includes many of the best homes found anywhere, delightful.

It is said that Bandera is the Switzerland of Texas, and to good purpose as far as natural advantages go. Switzerland is twenty times as large as this County, and has something like sixty times the population of our County, in proportion to size, because they used their natural charm and attractions for the human heart and mind, treated their visitors right so they

went back and took the world with them. We can do it if our hearts and minds are right, too. Make it what we call it.

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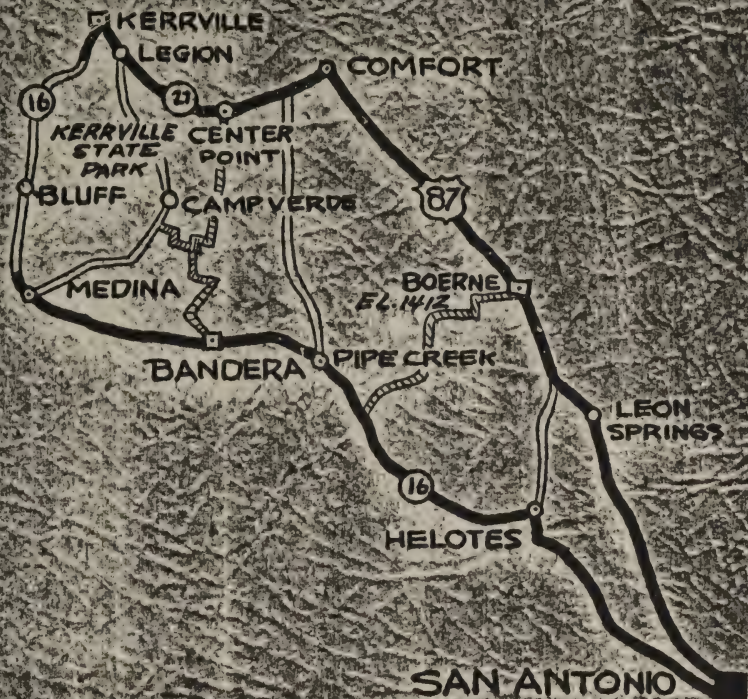
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